

Griffin Signs New Outfielder---Artie Shafer to Join New York Club

PREPARING FOR CRUCIAL GAME

Randolph-Macon and William and Mary Battle for Basketball Championship To-Night.

Ashland, Va., February 27.—To-morrow night the Randolph-Macon basketball team will play its last game of the 1913 season. They will line up against the strong William and Mary team in the game that will decide the championship series for the year. If William and Mary wins this game they will also win the championship, because she has already defeated the Yellow Jackets once and has also defeated Richmond College and Hampden-Sydney.

If the Yellow Jackets win, they will win the championship race with William and Mary, for they have been defeated once by that team. The Yellow Jackets have defeated Richmond College once and the quint from Hampden-Sydney twice. These facts will make to-morrow's game of more than passing interest for the followers of both institutions.

The Yellow Jackets realize that the William and Mary boys have an unusually strong quint and expect a hard game from start to finish. The squad has been practicing hard all week in preparation for its game.

The last couple of days they have been practicing at night, in order to get used to playing in the electric light. Particular attention has been paid to passing and shooting.

The team will be in better shape than when they last met this quint, as Walker will be in the game. He was unable to play in the first game on account of his leg being hurt in a previous game. Captain Millican was also in very bad condition when the last game was played, having hardly recovered from an attack of grip. Hopkins, who played in several games the first of the year, is out again and will be in a suit to-morrow night.

The entire team is working hard and has the feeling of spirit and will work hard to win to-morrow's game. Coach Reiss has not yet given out the lineup that the Yellow Jackets will present, but it will most probably be: Millican, left forward; Tatum or Sherry, right forward; Brown, center; Walker, right guard; Woodhouse or Wray, left guard.

V. P. I. Loses Again.
Durham, N. C., February 27.—Luck again went against the Virginia Polytechnic Institute here today, when the local Y. M. C. A. won from them in a last game of basketball by the overwhelming score of 25 to 22. Holcombe for the Y. M. C. A. shot seven beautiful goals in the last half and featured the game. He was awarded the victory by carrying the ball twice from more than half way across the floor.

Y. M. C. A. vs. Howitzers

The Howitzers and the Central Y. M. C. A. will try conclusions for the first time this season on the floor of the Y. M. C. A. gym to-night, the game beginning at 8:30 o'clock. No admission will be charged and all are invited to attend. The Y. M. C. A. five will be minus one of the star guards, who is ill.

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PITCHING STAFF WORRIES V. M. I.

Prospects for Good Baseball Team Marred Through Lack of Trained Hurlers.

Lexington, Va., February 27.—The cold weather of this week has greatly interfered with baseball practice at the Virginia Military Institute. The practice of last week started the season off nicely. Perhaps the largest number of men ever out for baseball at V. M. I. reported in the squad last week. The showings of the material was good in every department of the game except pitching. The material for the box, while it is fairly good, is unseasoned and inexperienced. The "fort" class has better material for the work of twirling than any other class. Many upper classmen are showing good form, but they are not experienced players. It is hoped that as the practice advances the material will continue to show better form than it has thus far.

For the infield the material could not be better than what it is. In fielding, hitting, base running and a general knowledge of the game, the men who are trying for the different places would be hard to beat. Captain Bryan and Creswell, on third and second respectively, will make the nucleus about which the infield will be set. These men, who have held these positions so well before, are in good form. McCormick, who is in his first year here, is perhaps the best of the new material trying for second base. Closely following him is "Rock" Gillespie, from Southwest Virginia, who can play any infield position except the initial sack. These two men are fast enough to have played on the best teams in the State. Both are good hitters and base runners. There is working hard and showing good form are the following:

Waite, a Chicago prep. school player; Rush Miller, from Richmond, who played so well last year; Dr. Bryan, a brother of the team captain; Scott, of Lynchburg; and many other good men. For the initial sack Stuart and Graham are showing good form and no doubt will have a great fight for the place. Both are big, tall men, with about the same experience and so far showing about the same caliber.

In the outfield two of the reliables for the past two years are again on the job and showing their old-time form—Clarkson at left and Sewell in right.

Behind the bat there are several men who look right. From the squad of last year, Holcombe is perhaps the best. With him are Hudson and Miller, two new men. Hudson is beginning his first year, while Miller had some experience last year on a class team.

The question of pitchers is greatly worrying Coach Brumage and Captain Bryan. If the season was a little farther off and ran longer, there is no doubt that many of the men now trying for places would make good. The season lasts only six weeks here. The last game is on May 2, and closes the schedule much earlier than the average college. There is much material, but it needs training. Murrell and Gerow, of the first class, need only practice to make them valuable men. Both have much speed and good control. Watt, of last year's squad, is showing good form again and promises to make good. Bowering, a left-hander, is working his "southpaw" benders overtime to get into shape. He is good prospective material. Pitts, Mages and Warren, all "rats," showed up well in the box in a game last week. Pitts, with his twin brother to catch him, did well. He has lots of speed, fair control and some knowledge of the inside game. All these men will be worked every day in an effort to get them into shape for the first game on March 22.

McKay No Fighter.
New York, February 27.—Fred McKay, the giant, who comes nearer to the ceiling than he does to being a fighter, failed to stop Arthur Pelley at the Forty-fourth Street Club to-night. It was about as slovenly an affair as the anxious ones ever paid to peek at. McKay never did any other. Jim Coffey, the chipper Irish lad, could have flattened the pair with a single punch. Pelley was the very essence of caution. He "southpawed" finger toward making it interesting, and poor lumbering McKay was too flat-footed to give chase.

Jack Hogan was knocked out by Al McCloskey in a minute in the last bout.

Baseball Guide for Amateurs.

An amateur baseball guide is now being prepared for the amateurs of Richmond. In order that all teams be properly represented in this guide, which is to contain the rules of the commission and the leagues, pictures of the officials, players and teams are desired at once to be printed in the guide. Any manager or official having a picture of himself or his team, or of individual players, is requested to send it to the Sporting Editor of The Times-Dispatch at once. The guide will be something of value to all amateur ball players.

First Photo of Jim Thorpe in Giant Uniform

This photograph of Jim Thorpe, the world famous Indian athlete, was taken at Marlin Springs, Tex., where he is trying out for a position on the New York Giants. Thorpe is here shown in a Giant uniform about to hit on a long one. The Indian, according to experts watching him is bound to expect a big league. He has lots of speed, fields and throws well and is possessed of very promising batting ability.

INTEREST IS GREAT IN BOWLING TOURNEY

Entries for the Greater Richmond Bowling Tournament, which begins March 10, are now coming in fast, and at present it gives promise of being a great success. Applications were received yesterday from several teams and individuals who at first were not counted upon to take part.

All of the bowlers are taking the tournament seriously and are working hard to make it a banner event. Several of the teams have already engaged the alleys to practice on in the practice games these two teams will form the five-man and two-man teams.

The Times-Dispatch teams were the first to take advantage of this system, and judging from the scores put up in the practice games these two teams will give the other fellows a hard run for the honors.

Four five-man teams and twenty-two two-man teams have sent in their entry so far, and it is expected that a big majority of the teams will be in by Saturday night. The Chesapeake and Ohio offices will be represented with a five-man team, under the leadership of Mr. Lange.

The Richmond Lunch team defeated the Cook Printing Company five two out of three games on the Newport Alleys last night. The Cook Printing Company team was missing one of its strong players, and this accounts for the defeat. McFarland rolled high score, with Graves high total. The scores:

Richmond Lunch	1	2	3	Total
Overman	161	174	138	473
Roy	165	162	197	424
Graves	201	198	190	589
Barrow	176	174	174	524
Blair	186	211	158	555
Totals	890	914	857	2,661

Cook Printing Company.
McFarland 194 212 180 586
Boas 150 161 175 486
Van Dier 136 178 180 494
Coom 192 167 205 564
Nemo 139 120 139 398
Totals 841 848 870 2,559

WHITE SOX HAVE REAL PRACTICE

Paso Robles, Cal., February 27.—Under a bright and warm sun the White Sox put in a whole day of real practice, and retired to-night feeling as if they had finally accomplished something. The ball ground was soft and damp in spots, but in good enough shape to allow two sets of infielders to go through the sort of drill that counts.

A batting rehearsal was also indulged in, with Benz and Merridge pitched to the hitters.

SHAHER LEAVES HOLDOUT CLAN

Marlin, Tex., February 27.—Manager McGraw, of the New York Giants, today received the signed contract of Artie Shafer and the Californian will be a member of the Giants for three years. Shafer wired from Pasadena that he would join the team in Marlin as soon after March 1 as he could. Shafer will not wait for Snodgrass, but the latter is expected to join the team inside of ten days. This will leave only Rube Marquard in the "hold-out" squad, and Captain Doyle said to-night that he expected the southpaw to walk into the Arlington Hotel any time now, as that was the way he usually did.

Emerson Park was so badly damaged by last night's storm that there was no practice to-day. The park was flooded and about twenty-five feet of the left-field fence was blown over, the movable backstop composed of netting and gas pipe being twisted entirely out of shape.

In the Wake of the Game

By GUS MALBERT

Steve Griffin, Toledo's most prominent citizen, now sojourning at Mt. Clemens, Mich., for the benefit of his health and the Richmond Club, is determined to have no trouble with his outfit this season. Yesterday he added another name to the list, in the person named Eberts, who last season played with the Galesburg Club, in the Central Association, from which organization, also came Bresnahan. Mr. Eberts—Steve has a nasty habit of omitting given names—merely toyed with the willow while at work, sticking to the extent of 332 during the 121 games he was seen in action. He corralled eight home runs, and eight triples, mixed in with many doubles and singles, as a reward to the manager who paid him his salary. In the garden he obtained a percentage of .931, which, while not a record by any means, proves that at least he is up to the average in grabbing the sphere from the ozone.

But listen to what Steve says: "I have been after this fellow for two years. He has always dogged me, but I never gave up the fight. I wanted him because I believe he is just about the best there is in the bushes and why he has been overlooked during the scouting expeditions, is beyond me. Remember that little trouble last season when we needed an outfielder badly and had to take on Red Garman? Well, Eberts was the fellow we after. The Galesburg Club tried to make a hold-out of it, and I had to let him go. When I concluded the deal by which he comes to Richmond, I felt like patting myself on the back. If you'll look at the record you'll find that he finished ninth among the clubbers of the league, which isn't a bad showing by any means. So far as I'm concerned personally, tell all the folks in Richmond that they will find the youngest man in the Virginia League playing second base for Richmond. Plug that fellow Eberts, he's the goods all the way and the best thing I've hooked in several seasons.

That's pretty strong from Griff, but the book says that he must be right. With the addition of Eberts, the Colts will start the preliminary season with six gardeners—Burke, Art, Smith, Charles, Tennant and Piez, brought from Greenville, in the Carolina Association, with Pitcher Frey, and the latest find, Eberts. With this sextette battling for regular berths, the dusting period should prove vastly entertaining. Both Burke and Tennant are both fast lads and rather nifty with the club, though neither is in the 300 class, unless they have improved wonderfully since last season. Arthur Smith is also some demon on the paths, but Burke, while wielding a slaughtering mace at times, has slowed up. Piez is, of course, an unknown quantity. He may be the best in the heap, and then he may prove a diver. But since there is strength in numbers, especially when every man brought for trial has had experience, Griff has little cause to worry.

Charlie Shafer has picked for himself another portpaw to take the place of Jimmie Pool, the elongated individual who did such good work for the 72's last season. The prospective maker of new records in the league is Joe Letz. He comes from the Rockford, Ill. club, and is a big fellow. He stands six feet in height and weighs 187 pounds. For Rockford, he pitched twenty-four games, winning sixteen and losing eight.

Somehow or other those people in Petersburg have formed the opinion that Richmond is 'agin' anything which might help the goodly community to the south. They haven't quite recovered from the Berger incident, when the local collegian was awarded to Richmond. Getting down to hard pan, whether Berger accepted Petersburg's terms, or whether Petersburg accepted Berger's terms, the fact remains that prior to any such transaction, Harry Griffin, acting for Berger, had told Secretary Bradley, of the local outfit, that Berger was anxious to play here. Then and there an offer was made him and he accepted it. Whatever happened after that, whether with Petersburg or any other club, amounted to nothing. All the facts were laid before Secretary Farrell, and while we have no exaggerated opinion of the National Association's secretary, we cannot conceive that he could have ruled other than he did under the circumstances.

Joe Finerman and John Dodge, the pair sold to the Philadelphia Nationals last season by Norfolk, and who joined the hold-out brigade during the winter months, have both signed contracts and left with the Phils for the training grounds. Success rarely is conducive to modesty in youngsters. Somehow the fact that they were to enter the big league ranks seemed to inflate the domes of these two young men. When their bluff was called they jumped into the fold, a very wise treatment for all aspiring players who in a temporary moment of success, gain an exaggerated opinion of their ability.

Ed Barrow, president of the International League, denies that there is to be a strike among the players of his circuit. He says that the \$6,000 salary limit will be accepted without any display of anger on the part of the players. While Mr. Barrow is eminently right in making such a statement publicly, those of us who happen to be acquainted with the players, may take it with a grain of salt. A strike is, of course out of the question, but that the men will balk at a reduction of pay is not only to be expected, but if it didn't come, would be unnatural. No man enjoys a depletion in his army of iron men, and even ball players were men, once.

The difference between us and J. Pierpont Morgan is that we never had an inclination to visit the Temple of Karnak. And the blessing of it all is that our inclinations did not lie in that direction, for had we so desired there might have been an obstacle in the way of raising the necessary funds. But, regard of all else, we have it on J. Pierp. He has the dollars, the inclination, and yet is deprived of the privilege. As a sporting proposition, we should enjoy learning at just how much this great man of finance would have assessed himself, after he was refused the permit.

But Nelson, who is climbing back to the position he once held in the pugilistic world, starts with a tirade against Nolan, his onetime manager. Likewise, the battler says harsh things about Willie Ritchie and Ad Wolgast. Nelson may be able to get back, and he is really doing some hard campaigning, but there are a number of good ones to watch before he can claim a right to step into Ritchie's shoes. Tackey McFarland has not been attended to yet, and then there is a certain individual named Joe Rivers who may require some attention. In conclusion, Nelson, if he wants to be the Durable Dane again, must stop his vitriolic outbursts. Being a press agent is one thing, and being a good press agent is another.

The Greater Richmond Bowling Tournament, which is to start on the Newport Alleys March 10, hits us just right. There has been need for such an event for several years, and if attendance at the Washington games accomplishes nothing more than bringing about the local tourney, the trouble and expense of making the trip has been repaid. Since the players are to be grouped in several classes, all will have an equal opportunity to shine. Report says that thirty-five five-man teams will enter. This means that there will be over one hundred and fifty entries in the singles and about sixty-five in the doubles. The prize money under these conditions will mount up and the winners will collect a tidy sum.

The Blues-College meet, all arrangements for which have been completed, since the Horsehoe Building has been leased, will be the banner attraction of next week. Rumor that Ted Meredith will come down to show what he can do in the sprints adds something to the event, while the University of Virginia, with Todd and Cooke, both well and ready to face the slaughter, will try to win the meet over teams from Georgetown and Johns Hopkins.

Y.M.C.A. Basketball

By winning last night Carlisle clinched the championship in the Basketball League. Carlisle defeated Princeton 11 to 10, and Princeton needed only Yale 13 to 10.

To-night at 8:00 o'clock the Richmond Howitzers will visit the Y. M. C. A. for a game with the team. There will be no admission fee, and men and women are invited to the game. The urgent request of the management of the Howitzer team, Mr. Reichard, of the Y. M. C. A., will act as referee in the game. Summaries:

Columbia-Adams, forward, field goals; 1. McLeod, forward; Glazebrook, center, field goals; every guard, field goals; 1. Stringer, guard.

Harvard-Minson, forward, field goals; 1. free throws; 1. McNally, forward, field goals; 1. Lebarwath, center, field goals; 3. Gasser, guard; Carr, guard; A. E. Wallerstein, guard.

Carlisle-End of game: Columbia, 11; Harvard, 11.
Carlisle-R. Elmore, forward, field goals; 1. Jett, forward; Perkins, center, field goals; 6. Dunford, guard; Hope, guard; Seal, guard; Nelson, guard.

Cornell-Lewis, forward, field goals; 2. Pleasants, forward; Fowler, center; Northrup, guard; Brockenbrough, guard; A. E. Wallerstein, guard.

Score end of game: Carlisle, 12; Cornell, 4; Princeton, Dickinson, forward, field goals; 1. Robertson, forward, field goals; 1. Steel, center, field goals; 4. free throws; 1. Seay, guard; Thomas, guard.

Yale-C. S. Wallerstein, forward, field goals; 2. free throws; J. E. Elmore, center, field goals; 4. free throws; 1. Beckett, center; Sutherland, guard.

Score end of game: Princeton, 15; Yale, 11.
Standing of the Teams.

Team	Won	Lost	P.C.
Carlisle	7	6	.538
Princeton	6	7	.461
Columbia	6	7	.461
Harvard	6	8	.431
Cornell	5	8	.385
Yale	5	8	.385

SHRIMP FLYNN
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FIVE OUT OF SIX FAVORITES WIN

Rattling Good Contests in Majority of Races—Weyanoke Leads in Drive.

Juarez, February 27.—The races this afternoon were run over a drying-out track, the going being such as would ordinarily puzzle the form players, but notwithstanding this the public landed on five out of the six winners on the track. The majority of the events resulted in rattling good contests. This was noticeably the case in the purse race, the day's feature, in which Weyanoke, a splendid hand ride by Loftus, outran Fitzgerald in the final drive and got the decision by a narrow margin. Fitzgerald set a fast pace, and at the paddock gate looked after the winner. Weyanoke then moved up on the outside and gradually wore the leader down. Summaries:

First race—five and a half furlongs—Amity, 2 to 1; first; Jolly Tar, 3 to 1; second; El Bala, 13 to 10; third. Time, 1:12 3/4. Red Rose, Biscaya, Bull Finn, Downland and Bluebeard also ran.

Second race—one mile—Calcuthampian, 5 to 1; first; Dick Baker, 1 to 2; second; Biscaya, third, even; third. Time, 1:44. Wadsworth, Paul Lehigh, Gretchen G. and Don Enrique also ran.

Third race—five and a half furlongs—High Street, 9 to 5; first; second, 1:10 3/4. Time, 1:10 3/4. Muremurum, 3 to 5; third. Time, 1:10 3/4. King Lear, Definite, Abihu, Jim Cafferata, Stirling, Harry O'Brien, Alce, Stupsky and God Father also ran.

Fourth race—five and a half furlongs—Weyanoke, 2 to 1; first; Fitzgerald, 2 to 1; second; Vested Rights, 4 to 5; third. Time, 1:10 3/4. Time, 1:10 3/4. Vested Rights, 4 to 5; third. Time, 1:10 3/4. Vested Rights, 4 to 5; third. Time, 1:10 3/4.

Fifth race—five and a half furlongs—Rus, 10 to 1; first; King Stewart, 3 to 1; second; Velle Fortis, Mazurka, Charley, Biscaya, Drimlar Lad, Shooting Spray and Annual Interest also ran.

Sixth race—one mile—Acumen, 6 to 5; first; third, 1:42 3/4. Blackmate, 1 to 2; third. Time, 1:42 3/4. Black and Shorty Northeast also ran.

AQUEDUCT TRACK GETS FIRST MEET

Racing Will Be Revived in New York State—Starts on Small Scale.

New York, February 27.—The Jockey Club, in conjunction with several racing associations, has decided to revive horse-racing in New York State. The first local meeting will be held at the Aqueduct track, opening on June 1. The late opening is necessary, it is said, because the Jockey Club has sanctioned spring meetings in Maryland and Virginia, and the new State had to be placed so that it would not be in competition with these.

The Paul Schane case, which resulted in the Brooklyn Supreme Court decision that oral betting was not illegal, gave the racing interests all the way. It is said, however, that the case is not one track official who will submit to arrest to show that the directors liability clause in the Hart-Agnew law is illegal.

It is believed that the racing commission soon to be appointed by Governor Sulzer will be favorable to the new start, and that the racing tracks at first. They say that they have no fear of legal intervention.

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